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She said, " I didn't like the noise it made, and so I hid it in myself. "

6. A woman friend in charge of two children, a boy of 7 and a girl of 6, both charming, intelligent and quite healthy and normal children, told me that she overheard the boy ask the girl, when they were both resting in their room in an afternoon, to lick his penis. The girl said she did not want to, and the boy then said she " must do it " when he went to the lavatory. Later on, he tried to get her to go to the lavatory with him, but of course the governess prevented this.

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^Problems with regard to food and feeding arising among young children (in my letters from mothers and nurses) include the following: Refusal to eat particular foods (e.g. jelly, milk, white of an egg, the meat course, etc.), this refusal being either habitual or of a sudden onset;) general unwillingness to eat unless coaxed or pressed or spoon-fed or talked to entertainingly; taking a long time by dawdling or playing; refusal to eat anything but soft food ; refusal to drink at all; gobbling and cramming, with tears and temper if this is interfered with ; restlessness and fidgets at the meal, hysterical vomiting at particular foods (not necessarily the same foods every day) ; " parking " the food in the side of the mouth for an indefinite time and refusing to chew or swallow it; " talking nonsense " as soon as the meal starts and showing disagreeable obstinacy if this is prohibited ; sudden screaming at the sight of the meal or in the middle of the meal; rage and screaming even when the food offered is known to be liked, and rolling on the floor in rage at its being offered ; throwing plate or spoon on the floor as soon as the meal starts, etc., etc.

1. " She (aged sixteen months) is always ready for her food,

and gets very excited when she hears it being brought up, but the minute I start feeding her she starts to cry. Sometimes it's only a sort of grizzle to start, but often ends in a very loud scream. She wants the food, but is crying the whole time she is eating."

2. "He (aged twenty months) now cries when anything he wants very much is offered him and rolls on the floor in a paroxysm of rage. It is most extraordinary as he has never been teased or repressed in any way."

3. "My boy is twenty-one months and is thoroughly healthy and normal physically.. Sleeps fourteen hours or so, is extremely intelligent and vivacious, but inordinately strong